

## ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

#### Waters of the Rhine and Danube Continue to Rise.

The Floods Take on the Nature of a National  
Catastrophe—Great Distress Among the  
People—Gambetta's Funeral.

BERLIN, January 4.—The inundations are taking the form of a great public catastrophe. Distress is increasing hourly. The military and civil authorities are making great exertions to mitigate the misery of the disaster. There are no signs yet that the crisis of the calamity is reached. The

high temperature and rain continue. At Ludwigshafen, opposite Mannheim, where the great Rhine dam gave way, last night, the lives of one hundred people are imperilled. A steamer rescued many hundreds including the sick. The deepest distress prevails.

POSTH, January 4.—The Danube has inundated Presburg, thirty-four miles from Vienna.

GENEVA, January 4.—The Paris & Lyons railway on the French frontier is washed away. Direct railway service between Switzerland and France and Italy is interrupted.

LAUS, January 4.—Rivers Saone and Daube inundated several villages. Thirty-two houses have fallen at Longepierre at 9:25 o'clock this morning.

WEISSENHAUSEN, January 4.—Thirteen persons were drowned at Friesenbeim. In all sixty-seventy lives have been lost by the floods.

**GAMBETTA.**

**Arrangements for the Funeral—Insulting Comments of Certain Journals.**

PARIS, January 4.—The reason for postponing Gambetta's funeral was to enable the deputations from Alsace-Lorraine and other distant departments to attend. The public will be admitted to view the catafalque to-day. The hearse to be used was formerly engaged in the obsequies of the Duc de Morny. It is mounted with silver and with a daisie of plumes. The municipality of St. Etienne, where the socialist element is strong, refused to send a deputation to join the funeral procession. Immense crowds are already assembled at the Palais National, where the hearse will arrive. Deputations from Alsace and Lorraine will form a conspicuous figure in the funeral procession. Insulting comments of some of the Bonapartist reactionary papers caused the Government to issue the following: "The offending journals are torn to pieces and stamped upon in cafes."

Victor Hugo is expected to attend the funeral and deliver a short oration.

**A FITTING TRIBUTE ;**

Ducleur, President of the Council, in a letter to President Grevy, submitting the decree for a public funeral in honor of Gambetta says: A great misfortune has befallen France. She is mourning one of her most illustrious sons. The services he rendered are in the memory of all; in the days of sorest trials he bore the flag of injured France without despairing of her future. He was one of the most eminent members of the Government which, at least, saved the honor of the country.

During the difficult period of the foundation of the Republic he helped win those measures which have formed the backbone of our institutions. A conscientious, upright citizen of a clear, intelligent and lofty mind, an orator of incomparable power, this statesman cannot be treated by his fellow citizens with too great marks of esteem and respect. In proposing a public funeral we are sure we are responding to the feelings which you were first to express on learning of the fatal news.

Gambetta being out of office at the time of the great Great Britain will not be officially represented at the funeral. The British Ambassador may, however, attend in his private capacity. Gambetta's latter demands religious interment at Nice. The weight of Gambetta's brain was eleven hundred grammes.

**CABLE CLICKS.**

A son of General Kavanagh, of Lucknow fame, was arrested at Quebec, Canada, yesterday, for robbery.

A man named Carney, a tenant farmer, was beaten to death near Claremorris, Ireland. His brother-in-law has been arrested.

The procession of pilgrims, returned from Mecca, took place at Cairo, yesterday, in the presence of the Khedive and Lord Dufferin. British and Egyptian troops escorted the procession.

John O'Brien, an active Parnellite, has been summoned for using intimidating language against landlords in a speech at Bantry, while engaged in establishing a local branch of the National League.

A dispatch from Varna says that a Turkish officer induced an Italian Consul while walking in the streets of Tripoli. The Consul struck and wounded the officer. The Moslems demanded the punishment of the Consul.

The London *Pail Mall Gazette* publishes and reserves a rumor that Germans residing in London have received notice from the military authorities to hold themselves ready to repair to Germany to fulfill their terms of military service.

A Berlin correspondent says: Private letters from St. Petersburg state that the

ear of suddenly found in his bedroom a note from a revolutionary group demanding a commencement of promised reforms, and adding the committee possessed the power to forcibly obtain the concessions.

**An Injured Woman's Revenge.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, January 4.—E. J. Baldwin, a well known capitalist, was shot by a woman in the corridor of the Baldwin hotel, and the woman's name was Fannie Baldwin. She claims to be a cousin of Baldwin. She has been teaching school on his ranch in Los Angeles county, and claims that, while there Baldwin committed a criminal assault upon her.

**BANK BRIEFS.**

**General Hancock squibs and River News.**  
The boats passed yesterday morning. The Emma Graham was due down at 1 o'clock this morning. The Lucas and Telegram, both down coast steamers, were the only ones that arrived and departed yesterday. The river fell an inch or two yesterday, the marks last evening indicating a depth of only 5 feet 1 inch. Ice was running pretty heavy, and the prospects for a close of navigation are good. The Little Anna ceased running yesterday on account of the ice, and went to bank just above the Water Works. The Princess also found the ice too heavy and deserted the Bellaire track and went to the bank at the foot of Thirteenth street. The steamer Welcome when it came last night was stuck in the Old river, enroute for Shreveport. She struck a snag, and sank in twenty feet of water. It is thought she can be raised. The Welcome was owned by the Oregon Oil Mills, cost \$7,000 and has recently been repaired at an expense of \$1,500. She was fully insured in Cincinnati. Her cargo consisted of 1,500 barrels of kerosene, 100 barrels of kerosene Oil Mills, and 120 barrels of cotton for Shreveport.

PITTSBURGH, January 4.—River 2 feet 4 inches and falling, snowing.